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### NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own motion pursuant to G.L. c. 159, §§ 12 and 16, into Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts' provision of Special Access Services.

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The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"), on its own motion, has opened an investigation into Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts' ("Verizon") provision of Special Access Services pursuant to M.D.T.E. No. 15. The purpose of this investigation is to determine through presentation of evidence: (1) whether Verizon's special access services are unreasonable under G.L. c. 159, § 16; and (2) if so, what steps Verizon should be required to take to improve its special access services.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comment on Verizon's provision of special access services. The public hearing will be held 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at the Department's offices at One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. The public hearing will be followed immediately by a procedural conference, at which time a schedule for this investigation will be established.

The Department invites all interested persons who are substantially and specifically affected by the issues under investigation to petition to intervene in this proceeding. Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Thursday, March 29, 2001. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for a waiver. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written pleadings or comments also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) (copy to [Joan.Evans@state.ma.us](mailto:Joan.Evans@state.ma.us)); or (2) on a 3.5" floppy

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diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (4) a brief descriptive title of document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.state.ma.us/dpu/>.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY